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ROADWORK WITH LANE CLOSURES FINISHED TODAY! **MOJAVE BRIDGE RETROFIT ON SR-18**

Victorville – Caltrans has completed the first phase of the State Route 18 (SR-18) Mojave River Bridge Retrofit project. The work began in March 2007 to complete one of the last bridge retrofits' in the State of California. The \$7.6 million project will protect the structure from catastrophic collapse in the event of a large seismic event. As a result of the last few months work motorists now have a newly, added raised median, new guardrail, and striping.

The project will be in suspension until early September 2007 due to environmental sensitivity toward the Least Bells Vireo (endangered bird). The remainder of the construction will take place under the roadway (SR-18) in the Mojave River bed to retrofit the bridge support columns.

No additional lane closures on SR-18 are expected for this project unless they become necessary for equipment or safety reasons. Caltrans hopes to finish the entire project in summer 2008.

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